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To be the nucleus and hub of legal research and advanced studies in law in Nigeria.

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To be a world class institution that is the primary source of information, training and advice at the highest level of policy formulation on legal matters, effectively impacting on local and international institutions in the development of law.

NIALS ENABLING ACT

Commencement Establishment of the Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies

- (1) There is hereby established an institute to be known as the Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies (in this Act referred to as "the Institute") which shall have the functions assigned to it by this Act.
 - (2) The Institute shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal and may sue and be sued in its corporate name.

MEMBERSHIP OF THE COUNCIL, etc.

 (1) There shall be established for the management of the affairs of the Institute a body to be known as the Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies Council (in this Act referred to as "the Council")

- (2) The Council shall consist of the following members, that is(a) a Chairman to be appointed by the President;
 - (b) a representative of the Federal Ministry of Justice;
 - c) a representative of the Federal Ministry charged with responsibility for higher education;
 - (d) six Deans or Heads of Faculties, or other formations

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of Nigerian Universities offering degree courses in law at not less than post-graduate level, to be appointed by the President; the Director-General of the Nigerian Law School; one member of the Judiciary nominated by the Chief Justice of Nigeria; the President of the Nigerian Bar Association; five persons of whom one shall be a woman to be appointed by the President; and the Director-General of the Institute.

(3) The provisions of the Schedule to this Act shall have effect with respect to the proceedings of the Council and the other matters therein mentioned.

FUNCTIONS OF THE COUNCIL

 (i) Council shall be responsible for the determination of the overall policy of the Institute and in particular for the financial and operational programmes of the Institute and for ensuring implementation of such policies and programmes.

 (ii) Without prejudice to the generality of subsection of this section, it shall be the duty of the Council to approve the research and training programmes of the Institute, determine the fees to be paid for research, consulting, training and any other services that may be offered by the Institute and promote or undertake any other activity that in the opinion of the Council is calculated to help achieve the purposes of the Institute.

NIALS ANTHEM

Ever questioning, Ever Probing, Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies! Vision foretold by founding fathers, Ideas nurtured by patriotic fervor, Urging us to make the difference, And be the nucleus of legal studies, With passion and hope our mandate deliver, And be the best that we can be, A truly world class institution, Nigeria's law abode!

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NIALS GOVERNING, COUNCIL

Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies. Governing Council meeting held its 52nd Regular meeting on Tuesday, 2nd July, 2024 at the Supreme Court of Nigeria Complex. The Council chaired by the Honorable Chief Justice of Nigeria, Honorable Justice Olukayode Ariwoola approved the 2023 promotion of eleven (11) Academic and Fifty Two (52) Non Academic staff to various ranks. The Director General, Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, Professor Muhammed Tawfiq Ladan, PhD subsequently directed the Institute Secretary and Secretary to the Council, Mr Ademola Sharafadeen Tiamiyu to issue promotion letters from Friday, 5th July, 2024.

Congratulations to all the promoted staff!!!





The Director General, Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, Professor Muhammed Tawfiq Ladan, PhD on Tuesday, 9th July, 2024 played host to the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) Team who were in his office at Supreme Court Complex, Abuja.

COURT

The team led by Mr Ulrich Garm, UNODC Vienna, alongside Tom Parker and Amina Abdulrahman, UNODC Abuja, were at Professor Ladan's office to seek collaboration on Three (3) programmes: Counter-Terrorism and International Humanitarian Law, Data and Privacy Protection in Counter-Terrorism, etc.

Some of the Institute staff in attendance during the visit includes Professor Ibe Ifeakandu, and Associate Professor (Dr) Osato Eruaga.







RE-ELECTION TO AFRICAN COURT ON HUMAN AND PEOPLES' RIGHTS

The Director General, Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, Professor Muhammed Tawfiq Ladan, PhD has congratulated Justice Stella Anukam on her reelection as Judge of the African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights for another term of six years.



Justice Anukam was re-elected at the African Union Mid-Year Coordination Meeting Executive Council in Accra, Ghana.

She has served as former Director of Special Programmes at the Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies in Abuja, Nigeria, and as former Director of the International and Comparative Law Department, Federal Ministry of Justice.



Congratulatory Message



THE DIRECTOR GENERAL, PROF. MUHAMMED TAWFIQ LADAN, PhD HUBERT HUMPHREY FELLOW, USA On behalf of the Management and Staff of the NIGERIAN INSTITUTE OF ADVANCED LEGAL STUDIES (NIALS)



THE FOLLOWING NIALS FAMILY MEMBERS ON THEIR STRATEGIC APPOINTMENTS JUNE/ JULY 2024



ASSOC. PROF. NKIRUKA MADUEKE (Former SA to the DG on Consultancy Services and International Relations) DG/CEO National Council on Climate Change



 HON LADY- JUSTICE STELLA ANUKAM, (Former Director of Special Programmes to the Director General NIALS)
Re- Elected Judge of the African Human Rights Court, Tanzania



PROF PAUL IDORNIGIE SAN (NIALS Former Director of Research/Ag. DG)

Appointed as Nigeria's Nominee on the Permanent Court of Arbitration, the Hague Netherlands



NIALS/ILA TRAINING ON INTERNATIONAL LAW AND DIPLOMACY *

he Director General, Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, Professor Muhammed Tawfiq Ladan, PhD on Monday, 22nd July, 2024 participated at Opening Ceremony of One (1) week training course of the Certificate of Advanced Studies in International Law and Diplomacy.

The hybrid event which held at the Supreme Court of

course will focus on their interplay and how to apply the inherent theory in solving global problems.

Ambassador Usman Sarki in his goodwill message commended Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies and its indefatigable Director- General, Professor M. T. Ladan, for organizing this highly significant study course in association with the



International Law Association (ILA), and maintained that the training course will provide participants the necessary opportunities to learn about issues that form the emerging and advanced aspects of the International law and their efforts on diplomacy in a complex and multiplex world where it is becoming rather difficult to determine the way

Nigeria Complex, Abuja was chaired by Ambassador Usman Sarki, former Deputy Permanent Representative of Nigeria to the United Nations, New York.

The Director General, Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, Professor Muhammed Tawfiq Ladan, PhD in his welcome emphasized that the week long events will unfold or the turn developments will take.

The President of International Law Association, Professor Damilola Oluwuyi SAN, in his welcome address said *International law has become increasingly important in light of the complex challenges facing our current world, ranging from climate change, wars, and crises in Ukraine and Palestine, to water, energy, and*



food poverty in many parts of Africa, and the complex challenge of maximizing the full value intellectual property and modern technologies in manner that respects and fulfills international law standards.

Goodwill messages were also delivered by Ambassador Musa Sani, Nigeria's Permanent Representative to Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS), and the Vice Chair, United Nations Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (UN- CEDAW) Committee, Ms Esther Msheila who joined virtually. $\overset{*}{\checkmark}$

The training course which was organized by the Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies in collaboration with the Nigerian Branch of the International Law Association had about sixty (60) participants (in persons and virtual).



WELCOME REMARK BY THE DG NIALS, PROF. M. T. LADAN, AT THE OPENING SESSION OF THE WEEK-LONG ADVANCED CERTIFICATE IN INTERNATIONAL LAW AND DIPLOMACY, ORGANIZED BY THE INTERNATIONAL LAW ASSOCIATION(ILA) AND NIALS. 22 -26 JULY, AT THE SUPREME COURT COMPLEX, ABUJA.

PROTOCOL

- 1. On behalf of the management of the Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies and the leadership of ILA-Nigeria branch, I would like to welcome you all to our week-long course.
- 2. Within the international society, law and diplomacy have always been complementary and interdependent. However, lawyers and diplomats deal with international issues differently. It is then a matter of common observation that between law and diplomacy there is an inevitable strain.

Diplomacy, like international law, is a Key part of our world as it seeks to prevent conflict, encourages the adoption of international Resolutions, promotes discussion and dialogue, and finds agreement through negotiation and common ground.

- 3. This interdisciplinary course is designed to help participants think critically about diplomatic and international legal issues in real-life contexts, while applying theory to practice and addressing some of the key questions facing the world today, and looking at contemporary practice and major events.
- 4. Its overall aim is to provide participants with the necessary knowledge and skills to understand that, if the study of diplomacy does not question the practice of invoking legal rules, there is a connection between the statement of the rule and the specific interest of the moment.
- 5. Key learning outcomes of this course include: to understand and evaluate the interplay among the key legal, historical, political, ethical and other key factors that influence the evolution of international law; critically analysed the relationship between diplomacy, law and politics and existing interactions with international institutions; to craft a unique skillset to advocate for better solutions to the world's intractable challenges of : Conflict prevention and resolution; triple planetary crises of climate change, biodiversity loss and pollution; displacement and human rights violations, amongst others.

THANK YOU FOR LISTENING



TEXT OF THE WELCOME ADDRESS DELIVERED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL LAW ASSOCIATION, NIGERIA, PROFESSOR DAMILOLA S. OLAWUYI, SAN, ON MONDAY, 22ND JULY, 2024 AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE CERTIFICATE OF ADVANCED STUDIES IN INTERNATIONAL LAW AND DIPLOMACY HELD AT THE SUPREME COURT OF NIGERIA.

Protocols:

- The Chairman of today's occasion Ambassador Usman Sarki, Former Deputy Permanent Representative at the Permanent Mission of Nigeria to the United Nations, New York
- The distinguished Director General of the Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, Prof. Mohamed Tawfiq Ladan
- Ambassador Musa Nuhu, Nigeria's Permanent Representatives to Ecowas, Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
- Mrs Beatrice Jedy-Agba, mni, Solicitor- General of the Federation & Permanent Secretary, Federal Ministry of Justice. Abuja.
- Chief Bayo Ojo, SAN, FCIArb Patron, ILA Nigeria, Former Attorney General of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.
- Eghobamien-Mshelia Esther, Vice Chair and Nigeria's representative, UN Committee on Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW).
- Secretary General and Members of the Executive Council of ILA-NG
- Members of the Conference Organizing Committee
- Distinguished members of the Press
- Ladies and Gentlemen
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Good Morning!

Introduction

I am highly delighted and honored to welcome you all to the opening of this milestone Advanced Course on International Law and Diplomacy which is organized by the Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies (NIALS) in partnership with our association, the International Law Association.

As you may already know, the ILA was founded in Brussels more than 150 years ago, in 1873 as a learned society dedicated to the study, clarification and development of international law and the advancement of peace, equity, and justice worldwide. Unlike the International Bar Association which is mainly for lawyers, membership of the ILA is open to lawyers and non-



lawyers that are interested in international law including diplomats, foreign policy experts, and practioners in justice and international law departments. The ILA has consultative status, as an international non-governmental organisation, with a number of the United Nations specialised agencies. Just last month, I was in Greece for the global ILA conference, and last year in Paris, France for the celebaration of ILA's 150 years annoversary. So, the ILA has members across the world, who participate through their local branches.

In recognition of Nigeria's preeminent role in public and private international law, the ILA approved the establishment of a Branch in Nigeria in 2014. The Branch was formally innaugurated by the then Chief Justice of Nigeria Justice Aloma Mariam Mukhtar, GCON at our first conference held in Lagos. Since 2014, the Nigerian branch of the ILA has provided the leading platform and intellectual space for Nigerian scholars and practitioners to unearth, analyze and resolve important questions in public and private international law, international diplomacy, and global governance.

Just in April of this year, we celebrated our 10th Year Anniversary as a Branch in a successful conference held here in Abuja. It was at that conference that ILA and NIALS cemented plans to provide opportunities for stakeholders and practitioners in Nigeria to gain more insights about the making and practice of international law.

As the saying goes, "If you don't write your story, someone else will tell it for you." For many years, international law has been largely shaped by western narratives. Our practitioners and lawyers have had to travel many miles to learn about international law, taught by foreign experts based on their own perspectives and legal systems. The end result is the gradual weakening of African perspectives in international treaty making. When I took over as President of the ILA, Nigeria last year, it was with a promise to equip the next generation of practitioners with the skills to reclaim that African voice at the global stage. Our country has produced many international law greats, including former judges of the International Court of Justice Charles Onyeama, JSC, Professor Teslim Elias, SAN the Prince Bola Ajibola, SAN and of course Chief Bayo Ojo, SAN, a former Attorney General of the ILA, as well as high level diplomats, such as our Chairman and Special Guest of today, whose work and impact transcend the shores of Nigeria.

Reclaiming the African voice in international law and diplomacy begins from home. A course like this provides a chance to develop and maintain a steady track of international law scholars and diplomats from Nigeria, for Africa and for the world.

International law has become ever so important in light of the complex challenges facing our current world. Ranging from the problem of climate change, wars and crises in Ukraine and Palestine, the associated water, energy and food poverty in many parts of Africa, and the complex challenge of maximizing the full value of intellectual property and modern technologies in a



manner that respects and fulfils international law standards amongst others.

Throughout this week, participants will be taught and inspired by experts skilled in the art and craft of international law and diplomacy on the roles we can play in being the the heart of fostering solutions. They will also have a chance to network, strategise and develop relationships that will enable them to launch and advance their careers in this important field.

I therefore encourage all participants to fully immerse themselves in the opportunities provided by this course.

I also want to take this opportunity to extend an invitation to those that are yet to join the ILA to please join us in advancing the study and practice of international law in Nigeria. The last page of your program contains more information about the Branch, as well as the membership application form.

Conclusion

Distinguished Ladies and Gentlemen, let me conclude my remarks by thanking our Distinggihsed Director General of NIALS Prof. Mohamed Tawfiq Ladan for his unmatched dedication and support without which this course would not have been possible. Thank you, Sir. I also appreciate the hard work of all members of the Planning Committee, especially Dr. IZUOMA EGERUOH-ADINDU, PROF. IBE IFEAKANDU; Keji Kolawole and Abraham Adeniran for their tireless commitment and hard work in the delivery of this event.

I also thank all our esteemed Faculty for their tremendous support, as well as our invited speakers for honoring our invitation and for partnering with us on this history and epoch-making Training program.

On behalf of the Executive Council of ILA Nigeria, I warmly welcome everyone and wish us all rewarding and successful deliberations.

Thank you. Professor Damilola S. Olawuyi, SAN, FCIArb President, International Law Association, Nigerian Branch

NIALS TRAINING COURSE

Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies organized a Training course on Drafting Commercial Agreement and Banking Documentation from 23rd to 25th July, 2024.

The course held at Professor Ajomo Auditorium, University of Lagos Campus, Akoka, Lagos state.



NIALS 7TH INAUGURAL LECTURE



Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies on Thursday, 25th July, 2024 held her 7th Inaugural Lecture titled *Towards Realizing the Potential of the Mining Sector: Policy, Legal and Institutional Reform Imperatives for Nigeria.*

The lecture which was delivered by Professor

Peter Terkan Akper, SAN OFR held at the Auditorium, Musa Yat'dua Centre, Abuja, and was chaired by *The* Director General, Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, Professor Muhammed Tawfiq Ladan, PhD.

Some of the dignitaries present at the event were The Solicitor General of the Federation/ Permanent Secretary, Federal Ministry of Justice, Mrs Beatrice Jedy Agba, the Auditor General of the Federation, Mr Shaakaa Chira,

three (3) former Director Generals of the Institute; Professor Ameze Guobadia, Professor Epiphany Azinge, SAN, and Professor Adedeji Adekunle, SAN, Professor Adewopo Adebambo, SAN, Professor Animi Esther, Professor Fatima Waziri, Professor Ibe Ifeakandu, Professor Emily Alemika, The

Institute Burasr, ,Mr John Yawe among others.

Academic and Senior Non-Academic staff from the rank of Senior Assistant Secretary (SAS) from Lagos office of the Institute attended the Inaugural lecture virtually at the NIALS Post Graduate Lecture Theater, Lagos state.







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COMMEMORATING 20TH PROFESSORIAL ANNIVERSARY OF PROFESSOR MUHAMMED TAWFIC LADAN, PhD DG NIALS



he Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies congratulates the Director General Professor Muhammed Tawfiq Ladan on his 20th Professorial Anniversary:- 2004 to 2024 as a distinguished Professor of Professors of Law, Judges, SANs, top Bureaucrats/ Military and Law Enforcement Officers, Corporate Gurus, Policy and Law Makers etc..

Out of his 37 years of Academic Career, Professor Muhammed Tawfiq Ladan became a Professor of Law in 2004 (at age 44) and delivered his Inaugural lecture in June 2008 (16 years ago). At 64 Years, Professor Ladan is actively engaged in Mentoring Younger Generations of Scholars and exploring emerging fields of Law and offering Policy-Oriented Recommendations to Governments and Advisory Legal Services to Public International Organisations/Institutions.

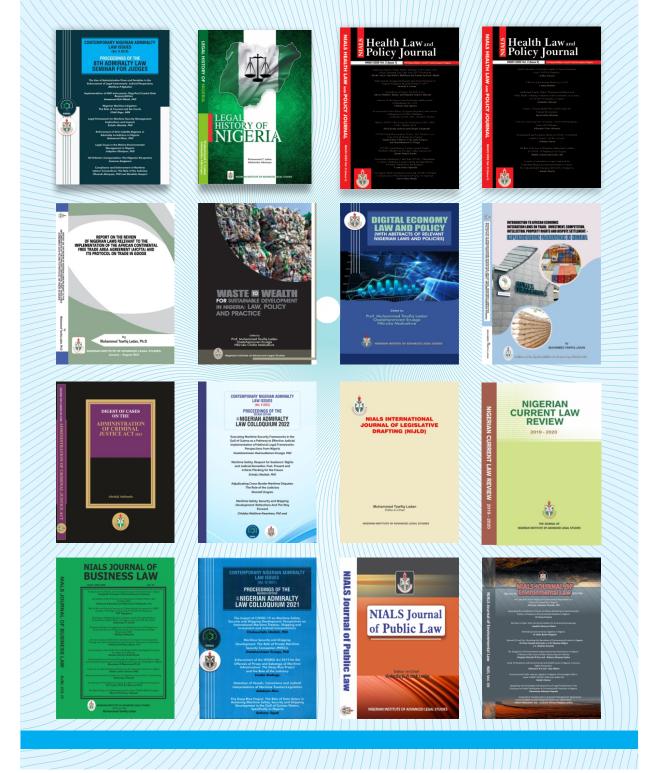
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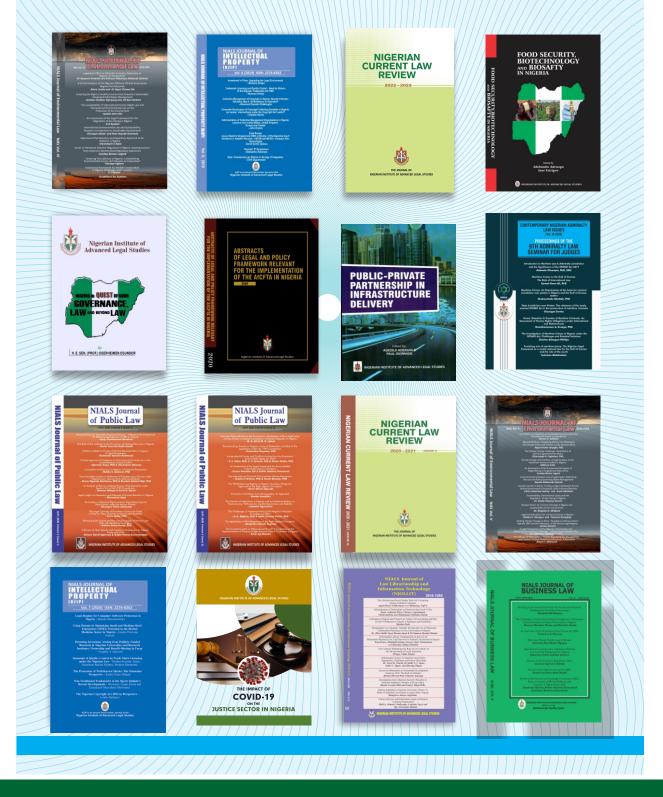
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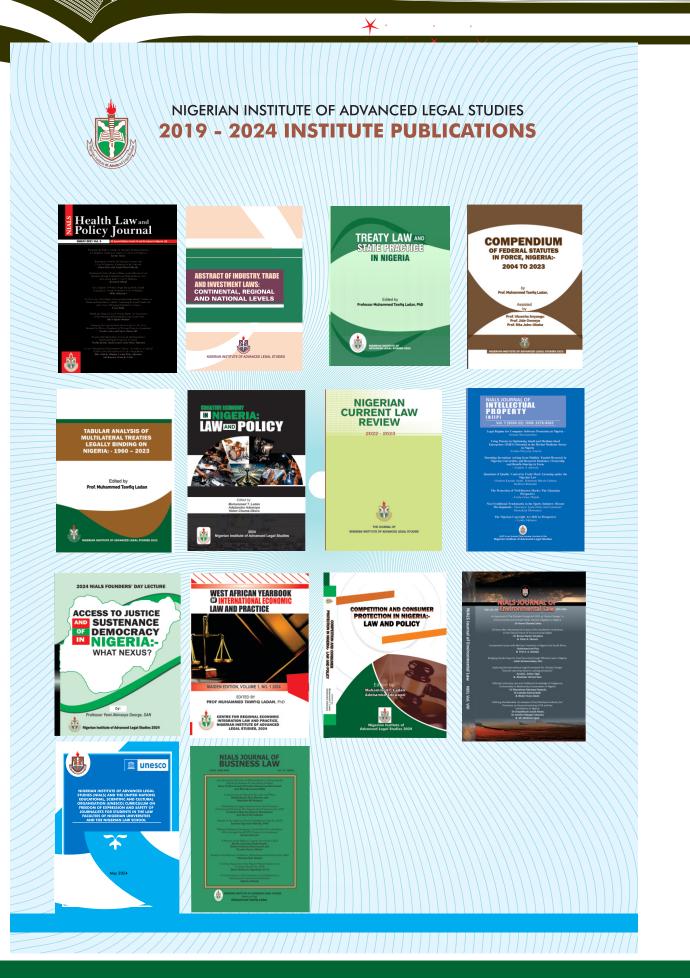




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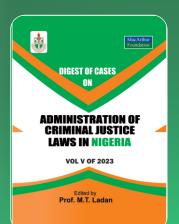


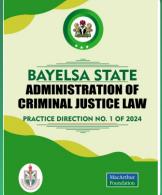


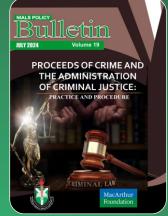
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